

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 789

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Whitney Nicole Rains,
2006 Valedictorian of York Institute.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Nicole Rains is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2006 graduating class at York Institute; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Rains has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Whitney Rains has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her status as a stellar scholar, this exceptional young woman has earned numerous accolades; she was included in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, placed first in International Business at the 2005 Future Business Leaders of America Tennessee State Convention, was selected for membership in the National Society of High School Scholars, and received the Spanish I Award, Spanish II Award, Pre-Calculus Award, and other academic honors too numerous to mention; and

WHEREAS, a valuable participant in her school's activities and her community's affairs, Ms. Rains is a member of several academic, social, and civic organizations, including the Journalism Club, A-Team, Pep Club, Science Club, Interact, and the English Club; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among her peers, she has served as Sergeant at Arms of her Senior class, Vice President of Future Business Leaders of America, Reporter of the Beta Club, and Vice President of the Math Club; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rains is also a gifted athlete who was a three-year starter on the varsity bowling team; she earned First Team All-District laurels for her prowess among the pins during her Senior, Junior, and Sophomore seasons; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Rains has evidenced a strong commitment to public service and good citizenship at an early age, and she volunteers her time and considerable talents to worthy causes and organizations, including the Jamestown USBC Sunday Youth Bowling League, which she serves as President, and the South Main Street Baptist Church Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, Whitney's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her success in college and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Greg and Kay Rains, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Whitney Rains's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Whitney Nicole Rains, 2006 York Institute Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.